

it. It is unfortunate that the leadership of those two great communities cannot occasionally come together for the good of all. I remember fifteen years ago when they had a big rally at Doniphan and they buried a hatchet. That was to cement relationships between the Chamber of Hastings and the Chamber of Grand Island and everyone would live happily ever after. I have received letters from both sides, from Grand Island and from Hastings, numerous letters about the subject of capital construction. Yet we passed a law in here, 344, I think it was, Senator Kremer, I am not sure because we have had so many laws on community colleges, I am getting confused, which said in good faith that we will allow you to do these things until 1980. All I am trying to do now is work out a compromise. I know what Senator Cullan's position is and I respect him for that but I believe that the amendment I offered yesterday without the date would be fair and compromising and work out a problem that affects several Senators in this body who have a concern, as I do, about capital construction without a vote of the people, and possibly, we should go back to that amendment of yesterday, omit the date, and come out of here with something that we can all live with and yet make sure we are going to place a check upon those who may be overly ambitious in terms of their future and their plans. I have heard of the empire builders and I don't necessarily believe that because those people do not build empires unless that Board of Governors put the okay on it and that is a majority of those who are making that determination. If the amendment we have today, and I did consult with Senator Cullan on this, and it says new campus only and Grand Island is not a new campus, then that is a determination for us to make. But, Grand Island, if you look at the present handout I gave you several days ago says that there is presently leasing a warehouse for \$727,000 a year. Now I ask you, that is probably not the best use of money. So possibly, they could go for a year and pass a bond issue, and I am sure if it is popular, they would probably pass it because Grand Island has a lot of people power. It is now the third city of Nebraska and Hastings is the queen city. Those are both beautiful names. Our position here today, contrary to what Senator Marvel says, I do believe Central Community College is the big issue here in this body. Certainly I am trying to help Metro Tech because that was an infant when all this happened. Yet they are fortunate because they inherited no existing problems. They started from the ground up. If they make mistakes, then that is the fault of their Board of Governors and the administration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and I ask you to listen to this, please. It is simple. This is existing law passed in 1975, written and authored by Senator Kremer. It says, "such funds shall be used first," I repeat that, "first for the retirement of bonds assumed by the Board, then for the retirement of bonds issued pursuant to this section, and then for the purchasing, purchasing on contract,